H.Con.Res. 165 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week

Floor Situation

H.Con.Res. 165 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Charles Dent (R-PA) on June 6, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and was reported out by voice vote.

H.Con.Res. 165 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 5, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res. 165 supports the goals and ideals of making the third week of October, National Teen Driver Safety Week and aims to increase awareness of the importance in making safe decisions while driving.

During this week parents and teenagers are encouraged to learn more about the dangers of nighttime and fatigued driving, the importance of consistent seatbelt use, and the use of electronic devices while driving.

Background

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults in the United States, and many of these deaths are preventable.

Roughly two-thirds of the teenagers killed in motor vehicle accidents in the United States each year do not use seatbelts.

Almost 7,500 drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 years were involved in fatal crashes in 2005 throughout the United States. The fatality rate in the United States for drivers between the ages of 16 and 19 years, based on miles driven, is 4 times the fatality rate for drivers between the ages of 25 and 69 years.

This legislation supports the third week of October as National Teen Driver Safety Month and encourages parents to interact and educate their children to the dangers of driving and teach them how to responsibly use a motor vehicle.

Cost

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored H.Con.Res. 165.

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